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> Governor Leon Guerrero Signs Executive Order No. 2021-32; COVID-19 Test Results: 30 New Cases; 6 Hospitalized; UOG COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Operations Extended; Quarantine and Isolation Policy Under Review

# Governor Leon Guerrero Signs Executive Order No. 2021-32

Today, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero signed <u>Executive Order No. 2021-32</u>, relative to extending the public health emergency. Effective December 31, 2021, the public health emergency declaration is now scheduled to expire on January 30, 2022.

## Six Hospitalized for COVID-19

CENSUS as of 4 p.m.	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL
COVID-19 Admission	3	2	1	6
Pediatric Admissions	0	-	-	0
ICU	0	0	0	0
Ventilator	0	0	0	0

VACCINE STATUS	VACCINATED	UNVACCINATED	INELIGIBLE (0-4 years old)
Hospitalized	4	2	0
Total in Population*	129,278	12,329	12,229
Rate per 100,000 Population	3	16	0

SPECIAL NOTE: Based on today's data, if we were to compare two (2) hypothetical populations of 100,000 people each, vaccinated versus unvaccinated, there would be 3 vaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19 compared to 16 unvaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19. The risk of being hospitalized for COVID-19 is about 5 times higher for the unvaccinated as compared to the vaccinated. \*Estimated population is based on DPHSS Immunization Program analysis of 2020 Census data. Updates are expected pending further Census 2020 data breakdown.

## **COVID-19 Test Results: 30 New Cases of COVID-19**

Today, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) reported **thirty (30)** new cases of COVID-19 from **804** specimens analyzed on December 28. **Seven (7)** cases were identified through contact tracing. To date, there have been a total of **19,531** officially reported cases, **270** deaths, **302** cases in active isolation, and **18,959** not in active isolation. The CAR Score is **2.3**.

#### **UOG COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Operations Extended**

Increased demand for COVID-19 booster shots and pediatric vaccinations have resulted in the extension of COVID-19 clinic operations at the University of Guam (UOG) Field House. Clinic operations will continue through the new year from January 3 to January 15, 2022. While walk-ins are accepted, appointments will be expedited. Make an appointment at tinyurl.com/vaxguam.

# **Quarantine and Isolation Policy Under Review**

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) yesterday shortened the recommended time for isolation for individuals who test positive for COVID-19 if asymptomatic from 10 days down to 5 days. The CDC also shortened the recommended quarantine period for those exposed to COVID-19 for unvaccinated individuals from 10 days down to 5 days.

# While DPHSS reviews these recommendations from the CDC, the current quarantine and isolation policy measures remain unchanged at this time.

If you test positive for COVID-19:

- 1. Isolate at home or a government isolation facility.
- 2. If you live with others, stay in a separate room from other household members. Use a separate bathroom, if possible. Avoid sharing personal items. Clean and disinfect all surfaces and frequently touched items. Wash your hands often and wear a mask.
- 3. If you are symptomatic, isolation may be discontinued after:
  - a. At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared;
  - b. At least 24 hours with no fever without using fever-reducing medication; and
  - c. Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.
- 4. If you are asymptomatic, isolation may be discontinued after:
  - a. 10 days have passed since the day of the positive specimen collection.
  - b. If symptoms develop, refer to number 3.

If you are identified as a close contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19:

- 1. You must quarantine for a 10 days after your last date of exposure
- 2. Stay home and monitor your health, watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.
- 3. If possible, stay away from others, especially people at higher risk of getting COVID-19.
- 4. Schedule to get tested for COVID-19 3-5 days after your last date of exposure. If negative, quarantine may be discontinued after day 7.
- 5. People who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and do not have any symptoms do not need to quarantine but should still get tested.

Please refer to <u>DPHSS Guidance Memorandum 2021-16</u> for further guidance.

## **Guam COVID-19 Vaccination Update**

As of December 28, a total of **129,278** of Guam's eligible population (residents 5 years and older) is fully vaccinated. This total includes **12,538** residents 12 – 17 years old. **4,702** residents 5 – 11 years old received their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech two dose series. **2,683** residents 5 – 11 years old have completed their two-dose series. An additional **385** residents received their booster shots and a total of **38,849** booster shots have been administered to eligible residents since September 29, 2021.

#### **COVID-19 Booster Shot Eligibility**

Adolescents 16 and 17 years of age who received a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (first two doses) are eligible for a single booster shot at least 6 months or more after their initial series. At this time, only the Pfizer-BioNTech booster vaccine is authorized and recommended for adolescents aged 16 and 17.

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS (AGES 5 AND OVER)

Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson				
Dec. 30: 10 a.m 6 p.m. Sundays: 1 p.m 4 p.m.	DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center, Dededo Call (671) 635-4418/7400 to schedule an appointment. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing. Walk-ins welcome. Curbside vaccination available for people with disabilities. Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme			
Dec. 30	DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center, Inalåhan Call (671) 828-7604/5/7518 to schedule an appointment. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing. Walk-ins welcome. Curbside vaccination available for people with disabilities. Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme			
Dec. 30: 11 a.m 7 p.m. (Closed Dec. 31 – Jan. 2, 2022) Jan. 3–15, 2022: Mon Wed.: 11 a.m 5p.m. Sat.: 11 a.m 7 p.m.	University of Guam Field House, Mangilao Register at tinyurl.com/vaxguam Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Please bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.			

## Requirements for Minors to Receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Parent/legal guardian must provide minor's birth certificate
- Parent/legal guardian must have a government-issued photo identification (ID)
- Minor must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian
- Guardians must present legal guardianship or power-of-attorney documents

FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING For more information, visit <a href="mailto:dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing">dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing</a> .			
Dec. 30	9 a.m 12 p.m.	DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center, <i>Inalåhan</i> By appointment only for individuals with COVID-like symptoms. Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing will not be offered. Call (671) 828-7604/5/7518.	

Fill out a <u>COVID-19 Testing Patient Assessment Form</u> ahead of time, available at <u>dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing</u>. Individuals waiting for COVID-19 test results must quarantine at home until cleared by DPHSS. Test results are available via email by sending a request to <u>covidresults@dphss.guam.gov</u>.

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For the latest information on COVID-19, visit <u>dphss.guam.gov</u> or <u>guamrecovery.com</u>. For inquiries, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.